



**Proclamation
Disability Pride Month
July 2024**

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month is celebrated globally including in Canada, where 22 percent or 6.2 million Canadians live with a disability, with this number expected to rise;

WHEREAS, July is Disability Pride Month because the work of Canadians with disabilities resulted in the Accessible Canada Act that came into force on July 11, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Town of New Glasgow acknowledges the barriers and challenges faced by persons experiencing disabilities, including societal attitudes, built and architectural barriers, lack of accessibility, discrimination, and unequal opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Town of New Glasgow is committed to fostering a social environment where every individual, irrespective of their physical, neurological, and sensory abilities can participate freely and fully in all aspects of life;

WHEREAS, the Town of New Glasgow celebrates the contributions of individuals experiencing disabilities, and strives to be an inclusive, diverse community;

THEREFORE, as Mayor of the Town of New Glasgow, on behalf of the Town Council, I am honoured to hereby proclaim July 2024, as Disability Pride Month in New Glasgow.

Nancy Dicks

Mayor Nancy Dicks